

Reducing Organic Waste

Producing and distributing food creates greenhouse gases. Food waste in landfills also emits methane, a climate super pollutant with 84 times the warming power of carbon. California has climate goals to divert 75% of organic waste and send 20% of unsold, still-fresh food to those who need it. Your food and materials choices can help us meet this goal.

Reduce Organic Waste At Home

- Compost your food and yard waste (Cal Recycle).
- For great compost, aim for 50/50 green/wet and brown/dry material in your compost (Cal Recycle)
- Donate surplus food (California Association of Food Banks).
- Reduce your meat consumption (saving up to 7,000 pounds of annual GHG emissions) (Cool California).
- Grow your own fruits and vegetables (saving up to 4 pounds of GHG emissions per vegetable each year) (Cool California).
- Recycle grass by leaving clippings on your lawn (Cal Recycle).
- Look for more local food and yard waste collection and recycling 2022 (Cal Recycle).



Did you know

Californians throw away 1.8 billion meals worth of unspoiled food a year (CalRecycle).

Landfilled organic waste emits 20% of California's methane super pollutants (CalRecycle).



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Learn more about how you can reduce organic waste and tackle climate change (CalRecycle).



Volunteer to distribute surplus food, plant a community garden, and compost organic waste (CCAC Volunteer Hub).



Share these tips with 5 of your friends, family members, or neighbors to help California meet its waste reduction and rescue goals.